WIMBLEDON SPEEDWAY

LONDON CUP 1969 WINNERS

KNOCKOUT CUP 1969 WINNERS

THE LAURELS

22nd OCTOBER 1970

WIMBLEDON STADIUM OFFICIAL PROGRAMME ONE SHILLING

THEY DON'T BREED 'EM LIKE THEY USED TO

It will be something like Marks without Spencer—or Rogers without Hammerstein—but there it is, next season it will be Dons without Ronnie Greene. After 34 years guiding the destiny of the world's finest speedway team the maestro has told us that tonight's home meeting, The Laurels, will be his last so the sadness that is always present as we pull down the shutters at the season's end is with us much, much more tonight.

Ronnie Greene came to Wimbledon Speedway in 1937, taking over from W. J. Cearns whose pioneer work is commemorated by tonight's trophy. He has served the sport conscientiously and wisely in the intervening thirty-three years. Without his efforts speedway racing at Wimbledon would have folded during those very difficult years when television had it's stranglehold and had Wimbledon gone there is little doubt that Speedway would have departed the London scene completely.

During the war years Ronnie Greene served with the National Fire Service and it was for his efforts in combating a major incident at Thameshaven (of which, he will tell us little)—that he became Ronnie Greene, M.B.E. But it is likely that the firemen will remember him even more for the National Fire Services Benevolent Fund, of which he is still the very active Honorary Organising Secretary, has disbursed over £3 million in grants and currently has assets of around half a million. That even if there were nothing else is a striking testimonial to the drive and organising ability of Ronnie Greene.

We asked him if there was anything he would like us particularly to write in this piece. " Tell them," he said, " that I have never gone out of my way to be popular and I know I have not always been but I did want to be respected !

Well, certainly he has had his way; he has not always been popular, but no-one will deny that he has been—and is—respected by everyone.

RISING TO THE OCCASION

by Philip Rising

Wimbledon bring down the curtain on another Plough Lane season tonight and although the event is obviously tinged with a note of sadness, the thought of an exciting Laurels and a bumper firework display is a happy one.

As a team Wimbledon wound up their home programme for the 1970 season last week . . . and what a memorable match that was. The whole team fought for every point against the illustrious Belle Vue and a 15 point lead must put them in good heart for Saturday's second leg of the K.O. Cup final.

The 1970 season was one that promised to hold much in store for Wimbledon. They began the campaign with a team that looked good enough to win the league title and individually the riders can be relatively pleased with their performances throughout the season.

As in 1969, injury robbed Wimbledon of the services of skipper Ronnie Moore at a vital juncture. Until his European Final pile-up I personally thought Ronnie was riding better than at that stage of the previous season. His track craft is brilliant, his skill superb and his influence considerable. Had Ronnie been fit to lead the team all season that elusive league title might have found its way to Plough Lane after all.

In many ways 1970 will be remembered as the year in which Trevor Hedge reached his first World Final. If the final could be held at Plough Lane I am sure Trevor would gain a place on the victor's rostrum . . . away from his home track he still suffers something of a complex. Nevertheless, he is a rider of the highest class, a joy to watch and an invaluable asset.

Reg Luckhurst is another to have suffered from injuries in each of the past two years. As a result his form nosedived for a period this term but during the later stages Reg was back to his best. He can be one of the most spectacular riders in the business and is not someone to fear an opponent's reputation. His points average is down this year yet he still made a notable contribution to the side.

Cyril Maidment's form throughout the season was patchy. Largely the trouble lay with his machinery; as a rider Maido has an abundance of skill and experience. When the motor was going he looked a grand heat-leader; when it was not he struggled like a novice. Yet Maido is always a useful bloke to have around and someone to rely on when the going gets tough.

Jim Tebby illustrated last week, when he beat Ivan Mauger, that especially at Plough Lane he is a fine rider. His loyalty to Wimbledon for over 10 years is worthy of the highest praise and at times this year he has probably ridden better than ever. Away from home his points returns waver somewhat but in a number of meetings he has snatched the vital third places.

Bob Dugard came out of retirement yet again after the tragic death of Gary Everett. It is probably fair to state that he never fully rediscovered his old touch but often the number of points he scored failed to reflect the effort he put into his racing.

Peter Murray had his first season of riding exclusively in the first division and it will not be until next season that he fully benefits from the experience. Naturally he found the going tough but he has the necessary skill and potential all he needs now is the time to develop into a mature rider.

I'd like to close with a request to the Rider Control Committee, who will have a good deal of work to do during the winter. Let's not pay any attention to cries of "Wimbledon are too strong." A few more teams like Wimbledon—off the track as much as on it—would do the sport a power of good. And the way to achieve such a goal is not by taking riders away from Plough Lane.

RIDERS' AID FUND, 1970.

Including last week's final effort, we have had 33 weekly draws this season, which have produced a total of £855. Of this £446 has so far been paid out to prize winners, and £78 for the cost of ticket printing, etc.

Some prizes have still to be claimed, but we should be left with over £300 to aid the riders. Some of this was paid out during the season when three of the lads were going through the inevitable tough patches. The rest will be paid over to the team during the close season. On behalf of the team, our thanks folks, for your help and interest, which is greatly appreciated. And our particular thanks to our willing helpers who worked so hard, each week, selling the tickets to you.

We hope that you are not too disappointed with the total available for distribution. If you are—well, you can make up for it next season by buying twice as many tickets. Our best ever sales in any week was 1200 tickets (£30) and our worst 800 (£20). This year, there were no occasions when we paid out more in prizes than we took in sales, but we came dangerously close to that parlous condition on several occasions!

Riders' Aid Fund, Set 25—On sale 15th October, 1970.

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SEASON 1970

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Timekeeper	LORRAINE HERWIG
Medical Officer	Dr. J. A. WALL, M.B.B.S., M.R.C.S.

Merton Division St. John Ambulance Brigade in attendance

This meeting is held under the Speedway Regulations of the Speedway Control Board

Track Licence No. 70/22 Four lap race = 1,200 yards Permit No. SP 230

The Management reserve the right to alter this programme. Should it be necessary through any cause to abandon the meeting prior to the sixth race in the programme, tickets for a subsequent meeting will be issued at the exits. In no circumstances will any money be refunded.

Betting is absolutely prohibited at all Speedway Meetings held at Wimbledon Stadium.

Track record joint holders at 61.9 secs:
Trevor Hedge (1.9.69), Bob Kilby (24.9.70), Ivan Mauger (15.10.70)

NO RIDERS' AID TICKETS ON SALE TONIGHT

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP

DURING THE SEASON

& FULL REPORT APPEARS ELSEWHERE

IN THIS PROGRAMME

"LAUREL

W. J. CEARNS MEM

WINNER £100 SECON

POINTS AWARDED—3 pts.

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2 C. Lofqvist (West Ham)	0					0	8. C. Maidment (Wim.)
3 R. Wilson (Leicester)	1	3	3	3	3	13	9 I. Mauger (Belle Vue)
4 T. Hedge (Wimbledon)	2	2	[illegible]	3	0	8	10 B. Kilby (Swindon)
5 G. Middleton (Hackney)	3	3	3	0	2	11	11 T. Betts (King's Lynn)
6 O. Olsen (Wolverhampton)	0	2	EX			2	12 J. Tebby (Wimbledon)

Four laps, clutch start

HEAT 1

1 Martin Ashby (Red) 3 Ray Wilson (White)

FELL 2 Christer Lofqvist EX (Blue) 4 Trevor Hedge (Y&B)

Result 1st. RED 2nd. Y&B 3rd. WHITE Time 61·8

HEAT 2

5 Garry Middleton (Red) 6 Ole Olsen EX MURRAY (White)

7 Reidar Eide (Blue) 8 Cyril Maidment (Y&B)

Result 1st. RED 2nd. BLUE 3rd. Y&B Time 62·1

HEAT 3

10 Bob Kilby (Red) 9 Ivan Mauger BOOCOCK (White)

11 Terry Betts (Blue) 12 Jim Tebby (Y&B)

Result 1st. RED 2nd. BLUE 3rd. Y&B Time 63·1

HEAT 4

15 Olle Nygren (Red) 16 Reg Luckhurst (White)

14 Ronnie Moore (Blue) 13 Soren Sjosten (Y&B)

Result 1st. WHITE 2nd. BLUE 3rd. Y&B Time 62·4

HEAT 5*

13 Soren Sjosten (Red) 5 Garry Middleton (White)

1 Martin Ashby (Blue) 9 ~~Ivan Mauger~~ BOOCOCK (Y&B)

Result 1st. WHITE 2nd. BLUE 3rd. RED Time 61·6

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0	0	0	1	1	2	15 O. Nygren (West Ham) ✓	0	1	1	2	2	6
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2	2	3	2	3	12	17*M. Simmons (K. Lynn) MURRAY	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Klaxon means Rider has Two Minutes to Start

HEAT 6

14	Ronnie Moore	(Red)	2	~~Christer Lofqvist~~ MURRAY	(White)
10	Bob Kilby	(Blue)	6	Ole Olsen	(Y&B)

Result 1st. RED 2nd. Y&B 3rd. BLUE Time. 62.3

HEAT 7

11	Terry Betts	(Red)	7	Reidar Eide	(White)
15	Olle Nygren	(Blue)	3	Ray Wilson	(Y&B)

Result 1st. Y&B 2nd. RE 3rd. BLUE Time. 62.7

HEAT 8

4	Trevor Hedge	(Red)	12	Jim Tebby	(White)
8	Cyril Maidment	(Blue)	16	Reg Luckhurst	(Y&B)

Result 1st. Y&B 2nd. RED 3rd. WHITE Time. 62.8

HEAT 9*

6	Ole Olsen EX	(Red)	1	Martin Ashby	(White)
16	Reg Luckhurst	(Blue)	11	Terry Betts	(Y&B)

Result 1st. Y&B 2nd. WHITE 3rd. BLUE Time. 62.6

HEAT 10

12	Jim Tebby	(Red)	15	Olle Nygren	(White)
5	Garry Middleton	(Blue)	2	~~Christer Lofqvist~~ MURRAY	(Y&B)

Result 1st. BLUE 2nd. RED 3rd. WHITE Time. 63.2

HEAT 11

8	Cyril Maidment	(Red)	3	Ray Wilson	(White)
9	~~Ivan Mauger~~ BOOCOCK	(Blue)	14	Ronnie Moore	(Y&B)

Result 1st WHITE 2nd Y&B 3rd RED **Time** 63-1

HEAT 12

13	Soren Sjosten	(Red)	10	Bob Kilby	(White)
4	Trevor Hedge	(Blue)	7	Reidar Eide	(Y&B)

Result 1st WHITE 2nd RED 3rd BLUE **Time** 62-6

HEAT 13*

7	Reidar Eide	(Red)	14	Ronnie Moore	(White)
12	Jim Tebby	(Blue)	1	Martin Ashby	(Y&B)

Result 1st Y&B 2nd WHITE 3rd RED **Time** 62-8

HEAT 14

2	~~Christer Lofqvist~~ MURRAY	(Red)	8	Cyril Maidment	(White)
13	Soren Sjosten	(Blue)	11	Terry Betts	(Y&B)

Result 1st BLUE 2nd Y&B 3rd WHITE **Time** 62-9

HEAT 15

16	Reg Luckhurst	(Red)	10	Bob Kilby	(White)
3	Ray Wilson	(Blue)	5	~~Garry Middleton~~ DOUGARD EX	(Y&B)

Result 1st BLUE 2nd RED 3rd WHITE **Time** 63.0

HEAT 16

9	~~Ivan Mauger~~ BOOCOCK	(Red)	4	Trevor Hedge	(White)
6	~~Ole Olsen~~ MURRAY	(Blue)	15	Olle Nygren	(Y&B)

Result 1st WHITE 2nd Y&B 3rd RED **Time** 63-1

HEAT 17*

1	Martin Ashby	(Red)	15	Olle Nygren	(White)
8	Cyril Maidment	(Blue)	10	Bob Kilby	(Y&B)

Result 1st RED 2nd WHITE 3rd Y&B **Time** 62-8

HEAT 18

9	~~Ivan Mauger~~ BOOCOCK	(Red)	7	Reidar Eide	(White)
2	Christer Lofqvist DOUGARD	(Blue)	16	Reg Luckhurst	(Y&B)

Result 1st Y&B 2nd WHITE 3rd RED **Time** 63-6

HEAT 19

3	Ray Wilson	(Red)	13	Soren Sjosten	(White)
12	Jim Tebby	(Blue)	6	~~Ole Olsen~~ MURRAY	(Y&B)

Result 1st. RED 2nd. WHITE 3rd. BLUE Time. 62.6

HEAT 20

5	Garry Middleton	(Red)	11	Terry Betts	(White)
14	Ronnie Moore	(Blue)	4	Trevor Hedge	(Y&B)

Result 1st. WHITE 2nd. RED 3rd. BLUE Time. 62.9

HEAT 21 If necessary in the event of a Tie

1st & 2nd ~~WILSON (Red) ASHBY (White)~~

3rd & 4th ~~LUCKHURST (Blue) BETTS (Y&B)~~ WHITE

Result 1st. WILSON 2nd. RED ASHBY 3rd. ..... Time.....

PRESENTATION OF TROPHY & PRIZES

ELITE JUNIOR HANDICAP

PRESENTATION TO WINNER BY ELITE MOTORS

Peter Murray	LUCKHURST	(Red)	~~Nigel Rackett~~	BETTS	(White)
Gordon Kennett	( )	(Blue)	Steve Collins	( )	(Y&B)
	.....	( ) (Check)			

Result 1st..... 2nd..... 3rd..... Time.....

THE DONS RIDERS FAREWELL

(A few words from each)

PRESENTATION

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Until we meet again

1ST WILSON 2ND ASHBY 3rd BETTS

NEXT MERRY MEETING

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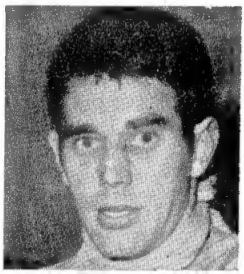
4th LUCKHURST

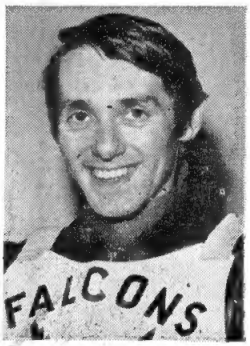
TONIGHT'S COMPETITORS

OLE OLSEN
(Wolverhampton)

RAY WILSON
(Leicester)



IVAN MAUGER
(Belle Vue)



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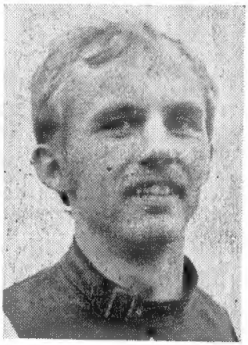
(Exeter)



CHRISTER LOFQVIST
(West Ham)

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(Wimbledon)

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(Kings Lynn)

TREVOR HEDGE
(Wimbledon)

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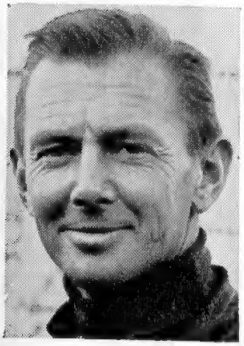
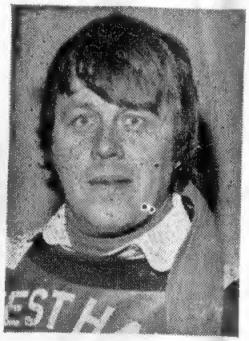


RONNIE MOORE
(Wimbledon)



OLLE NYGREN
(West Ham)

GARRY MIDDLETON
(Hackney)

SOREN SJOSTEN
(Belle Vue)

REG LUCKHURST
(Wimbledon)

JIM TEBBY
(Wimbledon)

BOB KILBY
(Swindon)

REIDAR EIDE
(Wembley)

SUPPORTERS CLUB NEWS

K.O. CUP FINAL (Belle Vue) THIS SATURDAY

If your nerves can stand it, the Dons will be glad of your support this Saturday when they attempt to win the Cup for the third consecutive year. Their 15 point lead from the first leg coupled with Ronnie Moore's tremendous form shown in the League Riders Championship last Saturday makes our chances much brighter than they looked two weeks ago.

COACHES LEAVE STADIUM 11.30 a.m. FARE 35/- (Children & O.A.P. 25/-).

BLACKPOOL ILLUMINATIONS, BELLE VUE & ROCHDALE

Fri. 23rd Oct.—Wimbledon 6 p.m. to Blackpool, arriving midnight.

Sat. 24th Oct.—Free day in Blackpool, evening trip to Belle Vue (v. Dons) return to Blackpool Illuminations.

Sun. 25th Oct.—Free morning in Blackpool, returning home via Rochdale (v. Bradford)

FARE £6 including 2 nights bed & breakfast and Saturday lunch.

BEST PAIRS MEETING (at Hackney) FRI. 30th OCTOBER

Ronnie Moore and Trevor Hedge for Wimbledon ! ! ! !

COACHES LEAVE STADIUM 6.30 p.m. FARE 7/- (Children & OAP 5/-)

KINGS LYNN v. WIMBLEDON (Challenge) SAT. 31st OCTOBER

Coaches leave Stadium 6.30 p.m. FARE 22/6 (Children & O.A.P. 15/-)

KINGS LYNN AND BOSTON—SAT. 31st OCT. & SUN. 1st NOVEMBER.

We have received several requests to run an extra coach to Kings Lynn, stay the night and then go on to Boston the next day for their match with Rayleigh which is also the last match in Britain this season. If support is good enough, we shall run this coach, the individual fare being 29/- plus accommodation.

END OF SEASON DANCE (Mitcham Baths Hall) FRI. 6th NOVEMBER 7 p.m.—12 midnight. Tickets on sale at kiosks 7/6.

CHRISTMAS DINNER & DANCE (Merton Hall) FRI. 18th DECEMBER 7 p.m.—12 midnight. Tickets on sale at kiosks 35/-.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL (Gothenburg) FRI. 10th SEPT. 1971.

Following our first successful venture abroad this year, we shall certainly be running our own trip to Sweden next year. We hope to include visits to two other Swedish tracks and when we know where these meetings are we shall be able to finalise the total costs. If you are interested in going, then hand your name and address to one of the kiosks and you will be contacted within the next month, alternatively write to the Club Secretary, 22 Weihurst Court, Carshalton Road, Sutton. Tickets for the Christmas Dinner & Dance are also available from this address.

DONS SUPPORTERS CLUB — WINTER CLUB NIGHTS — GRANDSTAND 7.30 p.m. Billiards - Cards - Darts - Music - Prize Bingo Speedway Quiz with prizes - Table Soccer, Speedway & Tennis etc. - Snooker Keep in touch with your speedway friends - Meet the riders THURSDAYS November 5th and 19th—December 3rd and 17th—January 7th and 21st—February 4th and 18th—March 4th (A.G.M.)

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1 M. Ashby (Exeter)	3	2	2	3	3	13
2 C. Lofqvist (West Ham)	0					0
3 R. Wilson (Leicester)	1	3	3	3	3	13
4 T. Hedge (Wimbledon)	2	2	[illegible]	3	0	8
5 G. Middleton (Hackney)	3	3	3	0	2	11
6 O. Olsen (Wolverhampton)	0	2	EX			2

RIDERS	1	2	3	4	5	Total
7 R. Eide (Wembley)	2	0	0	1	2	5
8. C. Maidment (Wim.)	1	0	1	1	0	3
9 ~~I. Mauger~~ BOOCOCK (Belle Vue)	0	0	0	1	1	2
10 B. Kilby (Swindon)	3	1	3	1	1	9
11 T. Betts (King's Lynn)	2	2	3	2	3	12
12 J. Tebby (Wimbledon)	1	1	2	0	1	5

RIDERS	1	2	3	4	5	Total
13 S. Sjosten (Belle Vue)	1	1	2	3	2	9
14 R. Moore (Wimbledon)	2	3	2	2	1	10
15 O. Nygren (West Ham)	0	1	1	2	2	6
16 R. Luckhurst (Wim.)	3	3	1	2	3	12
17*M. Simmons (K. Lynn)	MURRAY 0	0	0	0	0	0
18*B. Dugard (Wim.)	0	0				0

Four laps, clutch start

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FELL 2 Christer Lofqvist EX (Blue) 4 Trevor Hedge (Y&B)
Result 1st. RED 2nd. YOB 3rd. WHITE Time 61·8

HEAT 2

5 Garry Middleton (Red) 6 Ole Olsen EX MURRAY (White)
7 Reidar Eide (Blue) 8 Cyril Maidment (Y&B)
Result 1st. RED 2nd. BLUE 3rd. YOB Time 62·1

HEAT 3

10 Bob Kilby (Red) 9 Ivan Mauger BOOCOCK (White)
11 Terry Betts (Blue) 12 Jim Tebby (Y&B)
Result 1st. RED 2nd. BLUE 3rd. YOB Time 63·1

HEAT 4

15 Olle Nygren (Red) 16 Reg Luckhurst (White)
14 Ronnie Moore (Blue) 13 Soren Sjosten (Y&B)
Result 1st. WHITE 2nd. BLUE 3rd. YOB Time 62·4

HEAT 5*

13 Soren Sjosten (Red) 5 Garry Middleton (White)
1 Martin Ashby (Blue) 9 ~~Ivan Mauger~~ BOOCOCK (Y&B)
Result 1st. WHITE 2nd. BLUE 3rd. RED Time 61·6

HEAT 6

14 Ronnie Moore (Red) 2 ~~Christer Lofqvist~~ MURRAY (White)
10 Bob Kilby (Blue) 6 Ole Olsen (Y&B)
Result 1st. RED 2nd. YOB 3rd. BLUE Time 62·3

HEAT 7

11 Terry Betts (Red) 7 Reidar Eide (White)
15 Olle Nygren (Blue) 3 Ray Wilson (Y&B)
Result 1st. YOB 2nd. RE 3rd. BLUE Time 62·7

HEAT 8

4 Trevor Hedge (Red) 12 Jim Tebby (White)
8 Cyril Maidment (Blue) 16 Reg Luckhurst (Y&B)
Result 1st. YOB 2nd. RED 3rd. WHITE Time 62·8

HEAT 9*

6 Ole Olsen EX (Red) 1 Martin Ashby (White)
16 Reg Luckhurst (Blue) 11 Terry Betts (Y&B)
Result 1st. YOB 2nd. WHITE 3rd. BLUE Time 62·6

HEAT 10

12 Jim Tebby (Red) 15 Olle Nygren (White)
5 Garry Middleton (Blue) 2 ~~Christer Lofqvist~~ MURRAY (Y&B)
Result 1st. BLUE 2nd. RED 3rd. WHITE Time 63·2